

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method are described for performing branch processing according to a user indicated selection from displayed graphics. A chart engine in a workflow receives a data file having a header followed by data. The header includes parameters and branch processing information. The chart engine generates graphics data from the received data according to the parameters information, and an output engine stores the graphics data in a data file along with the original header information. The graphics data is readable by a viewer that displays graphics generated from the graphics data on a computer display. When the user indicates a selection from the displayed graphics, the viewer detects the user indicated selection, reads the branch processing information from the header of the data file, and performs branch processing according to the user indicated selection.